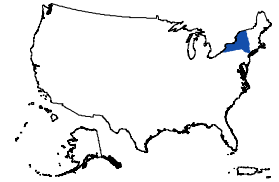


2000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Customer Focus—

Marvin La Grange of La Grange Dairy is very impressed with EQIP. "We are doing a better job with the land we have," he said. He is particularly impressed with the way his operation now handles manure. A lot of manure is being applied to sod ground. It is going on older stands of hay a year or two before they are plowed for corn and on several newly established reed canarygrass stands. Marvin said, "There is no runoff, and we are not putting much manure down at any one time. We are applying the manure after each cutting." He is very pleased with the yields he is getting from this method of applying manure.

The La Grange brothers rely heavily on the advice of Terry Lavinge, the Albany County Cooperative Extension field scout. Marvin said, "Terry stresses the importance of timing of field operations to reduce the risk of damage from insects and to harvest crops at their highest quality. The incentive payments that come from EQIP help pay the cost of the scouting services."

Marvin feels since he has started the program he has had little to no pressure from weeds or insect pests because of the problem is identified early and proper corrective action is taken.

New York Summary

Overview

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in New York attracts a demand that exceeds the programs financial assistance capability. In FY 2000, New York received 45 Local Priority Area (LPA) requests for funding, totaling \$7.5 million. However, because of the lack of funding commensurate with the identified need, the New York USDA State Technical Committee was able to fund only 14 of the LPA's, for a total of \$2.7 million of financial assistance.

Accomplishments

In the 14 LPA's funded, approximately 220 contracts were funded for the \$2.7 million. The focus of these contracts was on upland erosion control, nutrient management, and barnyard improvements directed at improving water quality, the number one resource of concern in the state. One Native American LPA was included in those approved. It deals with establishing rotational grazing systems to maintain small farm sustainability and increased profitability.

Outlook

Water quality is New York's number one resource priority. Through the State's Environmental Protection Fund and Clean Air/Clean Water Bond Act funding programs, progress is being made in dealing with agricultural nonpoint source issues. However, these funding programs cannot solve the critical need for dollars needed for implementation. A significant increase in EQIP financial assistance from the Federal partnership is needed to address the water quality issues that New York faces.

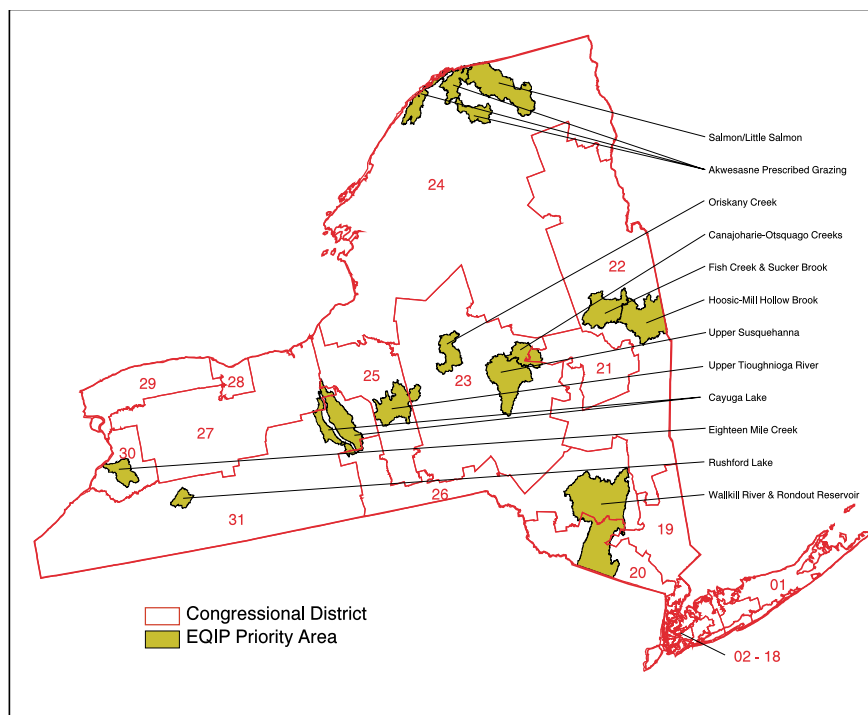
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New York EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



New York EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 0	\$61,255	7	\$479,432	53
District 1	0	0	11,600	
District 21	202,266	17	490,066	76
District 22	258,814	16	1,193,372	97
District 23	548,119	53	1,730,213	154
District 24	220,373	29	11,995,889	168
District 25	223,153	18	1,016,803	25
District 26	399,979	27	1,621,386	155
District 27	0	0	834,750	
District 29	0	0	303,750	
District 30	222,425	11	222,425	14
District 31	591,754	33	3,059,362	254
State Totals	\$2,728,138	211	\$12,736,078	996

Note: EQIP contracts for each Congressional District are estimated from Conservation Priority Areas, which may include more than one district.

Congressional District 0 = EQIP Contracts for Statewide Natural Resource Concerns, which can be in any Congressional District in the state.

Source: FSA Recordset type01, data through 4th quarter FY2000

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